

# West District News

May, 2021

## West District Conference

- **What:** District Conference to approve 2021-2022 District Nominations and 2022 District Budget
- **When:** May 23, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
- **Where:** by Zoom meeting from your church or home

The zoom information will be sent to clergy and lay delegates. The clergy can forward it to their leadership and other members interested in attending.



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Rio Texas Annual Conference (Virtual on Whova)  
June 5—Laity Session \* June 9—Clergy Session  
June 10-12—Plenary Sessions

If you are clergy or a delegate you should have received information to register on Whova for this Annual Conference. If you have not, please reach out to the Conference office or Amy at the District Office.

More information can be found at: <https://riotexas.org/annual-conference-2021>.

Are you considering a call to ministry? You will need to attend . . .

## Candidacy Summit

### JULY 16-17, 2021

All Applications must be submitted electronically to Alicia Leyva, [alicial@riotexas.org](mailto:alicial@riotexas.org) no later than **JUNE 16, 2021. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** This includes approval from your District Superintendent via copy of signed Candidacy Summit application or via email sent directly to Alicia Leyva by your District Superintendent.

More information and applications can be found at:

<https://riotexas.org/candidacy-summit>

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## Notes from Ken



***Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.***

*Proverbs 31:28*

As Mother's Day is fast approaching, I pray for blessing on each one. Whether natural, step, grand, great-grand, or even just a lady that seemed like a mother to someone. Mothers are wonderful, caring, kind, loving, and perfect. The list of accolades could go on forever. I have been blessed to have a hard-working, loving, mother and a perfect Great-Grandmother. These ladies taught me more by example than they did by words. Mothers are, and always will be, the backbone of our nation. There is nothing more perfect than a mother's love. On Mother's Day, and every day, please take time to let your mother know how much she means to you.

Blessings,

Ken Wadley  
Program Coordinator

## Ministry through Administration

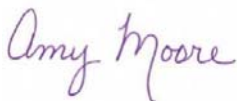
April 15-17 I attended the virtual PAUMCS conference. Even though it was virtual, it was a great experience. I participated in the following sessions:

- ◆ Opening Session with Bishop Farr
- ◆ Unleashing Our Inner Warrior, Rev. Lia McIntosh
- ◆ Balancing Act, Rev. Julie Sanders
- ◆ Emotionally Healthy Spirituality, Rev. Angela Olsen and Rev. Curtis Olsen
- ◆ Living the Word in Virtual Space, Ryan Dunn with Rethink Church
- ◆ Unloading the Silo and Growing the Kingdom: Rural Ministry in 2021, Rev. Meghan Riegerix
- ◆ Practicing Emotional Intelligence as a Spiritual Discipline, Rev. Charity Goodwin
- ◆ Multicolored or Multicultural, Nikki Lerner
- ◆ Risk Leadership and Your Church, Melanie Lockwood Herman
- ◆ Closing Worship with Rev. Dr. Jacqui King

If you have any questions about any of these session, please contact me. I will be glad to discuss it with you.

If you are interested in attending the Certification Institute and becoming a Certified UM Administrator, you can find the information below.

Let's stay connected,



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## PAUMCS 2021 Virtual Certification Institute

The General Council on Finance and Administration of The United Methodist Church sponsors an online certification institute. The Institute provides outstanding advanced professional training and enrichment for United Methodist church administrators. A participant who completes the program and meets the requirements set forth by the General Council on Finance and Administration is eligible to apply for certification as a Professional United Methodist Church Secretary. The course begins on June 1, 2021 and runs until August 13, 2021 and culminates with the completion of a group assignment in order to become certified.

Go to [paumcs.org](http://paumcs.org) and click on the Online Certification Institute at the top of the page and it will take you to the registration link and more information.

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## Calendar

May	3	Cabinet Meeting
	4	Coffee with Andy
	4	Concho Country Emmaus Gathering, Sierra Vista UMC, 6:30 p.m.
	5	District Strategy Team, Zoom Meeting, 4:00 p.m.
	11	Coffee with Andy
	12	Cabinet Meeting
	18	Coffee with Andy
	19-20	Right Start
	20	Cabinet Meeting
	23	District Conference, Zoom Meeting, 4:00 p.m.
	25	Coffee with Andy
	26	Cabinet Meeting
	31	District Office Closed—Memorial Day
June	1	Coffee with Andy
	1	Concho Country Emmaus Gathering, Sierra Vista UMC, 6:30 p.m.
	5	Laity Session
	8	Coffee with Andy
	9	Clergy Session
	10-12	Rio Texas Annual Conference
	15	Coffee with Andy
	22	Coffee with Andy
	29	Coffee with Andy